

[24 April, 2001]

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Subarnarekha Multipurpose Project

4251. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent on the Subarnarekha Multipurpose Project as on date;

(b) whether the project has been completed;

(c) if not, the progress thereof; and

(d) the details of hectares of land likely to be brought under irrigation in Orissa and other States on completion of that project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) to (d) An amount of Rs. 1321.68 crore has been incurred on Subarnarekha Multipurpose Project (Jharkhand, Orissa, West Bengal) upto 3/2000. The physical progress of works of the project is given in the Statement (See below). The project envisages annual irrigation benefits to Bihar (now Jharkhand) of 236.8 thousand hectares, Orissa 190.3 thousand hectares and West Bengal 114.2 thousand hectares respectively.

Statement

Physical status of the Subarnarekha Multipurpose Project as on February, 2000

Jharkhand Portion

Components	
Chandil dam	97% (except for the installation of gates)
Icha dam	30% complete
Galudih Barrage	98% complete
Kharkai Barrage	Yet to be started
CANALS	
Chandil LBC (F.W.)	73% complete
Icha LBC	30% complete
Galudih RBC	70% complete
Icha RBC	50% complete
Galudih LBC	Yet to be started
Kharkai RBC	25% complete
Kharkai LBC	Yet to be started

Orissa Portion

A. DAMS

Particulars		Jambhira dam	Haldia dam and Baura dam
1.	Earthwork	99.7%	
2.	Embankment	68%	Design not yet finalized
3.	Concrete/Masonry	64%	
4.	Rock loc	56%	

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B. CANALS

Particulars		Earth Work	Lining	Structure
1.	Subernarekha Main Canal	87%	—	51%
2.	Botnoti Branch Canal	83%	—	33%
3.	Subernatekha Branch Canal	Not yet started		
4.	Jambhira LBC	Not yet started		
5.	Jambhira RBC	98%		77%

West Bengal Portion

Only preliminary works are going on.

Water Management

4252. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that after consecutive droughts, the country is likely to face acute water scarcity during coming summer;

(b) if so, what steps are proposed to be taken to overcome the situation through proper water management; and

(c) what special efforts are being made to harvest rain and store water?